GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any institution funded by the Government for arbitration and alternative dispute resolution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria for selection of the Chairman and other Members of the Institution;

(d) the funds provided by the Government to such institution and the criteria for providing grants;

(e) whether the grants are being properly utilized to achieve the objectives;

(f) if so, the number of cases being conducted every month in this Institution; and
(g) the manner in which the Government are monitoring the functioning of this Institution

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) A
MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHR
JAITLEY)

(a), (b) & (d): The International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR) was set up in 1995 as a private body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. During the year 1995-96, the Committee on Non-plan Expenditure (CNE) had approved a proposal to give financial assistance, to the tune of Rs.11.06 Crores to the ICADR.In pursuance of CNE`s approval, the Government have so far released a sum of Rs.5.84 Crores to the Centre during 1995-96 (Corpus Fund - Rs.3 Crores; purchase of land, registration charges thereof and part construction cost of the Centre`s building - Rs.2.84 Crores).The balance amount of Rs.5.22 Crores was to be released to the ICADR in subsequent years after the Centre commences construction of the building.No further Grant-in-aid has been released to the ICADR since 1996-97.

(c): The Rules & Regulations of the ICADR provide that the Chairperson of the Centre will be elected by Members of its Governing Council. As regards the Members of the Society, besides the Foundation Members, the ICADR`s Rules & Regulations provide for
(i) Associate Members,
(ii) Ordinary Members &
(iii) Honorary Members. Any association, society, organization, company or firm, interested in the aims and objects of the Society shall be eligible to be an Associate Member and may be admitted on payment of either a lumpsum fee of Rs.1,00,000/- or an annual fee of Rs.10,000. Any individual, having experience of and/or interested in matters relating to alternative dispute resolution shall be eligible to be an ordinary member. An ordinary member may be admitted on payment of either a lumpsum fee of Rs.10,000/- or an annual fee of Rs.1,000/-. Honorary Members shall be those individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of alternative dispute resolution and who are interested in the promotion of the aims and objects of the Society and are co-opted as members of the Society by the Governing Council. Honorary members shall be exempted from the payment of any membership fee.

(e): The ICADR has deposited the Corpus Grant of Rs.3 Crores in a Fixed Deposit with a nationalized Bank and the monthly expenditure on staff and running of the office, etc., is met out of the interest income accruing on the Fixed Deposit. Besides, the Centre has also purchased land for constructing the Centre`s building, with the Grant sanctioned by the Government for the purpose.

(f): The ICADR has so far received five arbitration cases and two cases for conciliation, out of which two arbitration cases and two cases for conciliation have been resolved.

(g): The ICADR is a private body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.The ICADR is totally independent and is merely a grantee institution under the Ministry of Law, Justice & Co. Affairs. Its affairs are managed by its Governing Council.